

Dreams Event on Table Rock Lake, which I have been proud to take part in as Congressman for Missouri's 7th District, is but one of many great programs they host to help veterans and children with disabilities. In 2021 at Fishing Dreams we took 107 veterans fishing including two that were over 100 years old. When I pull up at this annual event, JP Sell is one of the first faces I see and always with a big bright smile ready to volunteer for the day.

HONORING CURT G.  
HOLLINGSWORTH

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 14, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today, as the first Bahamian American elected to Congress, to honor and welcome Curt G. Hollingsworth as the newly appointed Consul General of the Bahamas in Miami.

Consul General Hollingsworth migrated to Miami when he was young, and he is a product of the Miami-Dade County Public School System. He graduated from Miami Carol City High School, and he received his Associates of Arts degree from Miami Dade Community College. He went on to receive a Bachelor of Arts degree in Educational Psychology from Cambridge University.

A native of West End Grand Bahama, Consul General Hollingsworth is a seasoned educator with nearly four decades of experience as a teacher, track and field and basketball coach, mentor, and administrator. He is known in the Marco City community as an activist with a mission towards the advancement of young people.

Mr. Hollingsworth has had the love and support of his caring wife, Caroline Hollingsworth, for more than 45 years. They are the proud parents of 5 children; 4 sons and 1 daughter.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the Honorable Curt G. Hollingsworth as he returns to Miami as the Consul General of Bahamas.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN PETER  
DEFAZIO

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BONAMICI Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the incredible service of the Dean of the Oregon delegation, Chairman PETER DEFAZIO. PETER has been a fighter and champion for the people of SW Oregon for nearly three decades. Like me, PETER grew up outside of Oregon but fell in love with the state and made it his home. PETER and I also share an alma mater—the University of Oregon. PETER has been fortunate to represent the campus for his tenure in Congress, helping to secure the success of the University for past and future generations.

PETER's district is home to some of the most beautiful natural treasures in the country, and he has spent his career fighting for the restoration and preservation of these wild spaces. He has also been one of the most committed

Congressional champions for animal rights and has personally rescued and cared for many animals. As Chair of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, PETER has worked diligently to invest in infrastructure and in our people. Whether he's fighting to keep us safe with oversight of corporations, support for the U.S. Coast Guard, or by strengthening our roads and bridges, he puts people first. This is also reflected in the countless good-paying jobs he helped create with numerous infrastructure laws that center labor and the needs of working people.

As a co-founder of the Congressional Progressive Caucus (CPC), PETER made fighting for progressive and populist policies the foundation of his work. Even as he experienced political shifts and challenges, PETER never wavered from his core values. There is no other voice in Congress quite like PETER's; he says what he means and does what he says he'll do. His persistence in aviation safety led to a successful documentary film—and importantly to industry changes and standards that will keep the flying public safer for years to come.

Like many of us, I know PETER would not have been able to accomplish so much for his constituents over so many years without his dedicated staff in both Washington, D.C. and Oregon, and the support of his wife, Mymie Daut. I would like to add my thanks for their years of service and sacrifice. I congratulate my good friend and colleague on a well-deserved retirement and wish him the very best in his next chapter.

HONORING BRYAN MAGERS

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 14, 2022*

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bryan Magers.

William Bryan Magers was born on June 15, 1947, in Springfield, Missouri. After graduating from Glendale High School, Bryan attended the University of Missouri. He served in the United States Army, and after completing military service he entered the world of real estate, joining 8 other realtors to form House of Brokers.

He started Bryan Properties in 1985 with the purchase of a house just west of Missouri State University. He began to build duplexes and single-family homes for rent, and by 1989 he was creating apartment communities. Bryan Properties really hit its stride in the 21st century: the company built University Suites, a 72-bed residential development at Drury University. It was awarded Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design-Platinum status by the U.S. Green Building Council; and it changed the face of student housing at Missouri State University by creating Bear Village, a 660-bed student community that features a variety of floor plans, all-inclusive billing, and premier amenities. That growth continues unabated. Today, the company has a diversified portfolio of market-based apartments, student housing, single-family homes and duplexes, hotels, and restaurants. Bryan Properties also offers comprehensive management services, delivered by its staff of dedicated long-term employees. This year, Bryan deliv-

ered the first public-private partnership in Missouri State University history, a 400-bed residence hall with parking, constructed on less than one acre of land. Heitz Hall also features retail space and a unified dining center.

Bryan Magers has been a success for nearly a half-century because he believes in improving the quality of life for people in his hometown, and giving back to his native Ozarks. Bryan is a philanthropist with myriad causes close to his heart. He is a generous patron to the arts community, with donations to Springfield Little Theatre and the Springfield Symphony. He supports Missouri State University's athletic programs. His donations have created a new courtyard at the welcome center to Missouri State University. He also spearheaded the drive that created the Magers Family Health and Wellness Center, the state-of-the-art medical home for the Missouri State community.

Bryan has served as president and board member for the Greater Springfield Apartment & Housing Association, the Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Missouri State University Foundation and the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame. Bryan was honored with the Philanthropist of the Year award in 2016 from the Ozarks chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. In 2022, Bryan Properties received the Founders Award from the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame. Bryan's only failure in life was as a Little League Umpire. You see he called many of my games and I never agreed with any of his calls.

Madam Speaker, it is clear that Bryan Magers has a big heart. Ask anyone who knows him. He is a mentor, a motivator, an inspiration, and a benefactor. I am proud to call him my friend, and to honor him today.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND RETIREMENT OF  
RICHARD OBERMANN

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 14, 2022*

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a valued staff member of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Richard "Dick" Obermann, who is retiring this month after 33 years of service to the House of Representatives.

Dick Obermann began his career in the House in 1990, as the Science Advisor for the Space Subcommittee on the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. He was well qualified for the position, holding both a M.S.E. in Aeronautics and Astronautics from Stanford and a B.S.E. and Ph.D. in Aerospace and Mechanical Sciences from Princeton University. Before working at the Committee, Dick worked on the technical staff at the MITRE Corporation and as a senior program officer at the National Research Council. Dick worked on space policy issues for his entire 33 years on the Committee, and he is generally regarded as one of the foremost space policy experts in the United States.

I was elected to Congress in 1992, and I began my service on the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology in that same year. I have known Dick Obermann for 30 years. During my time on the Committee, I

have always known Dick to be a consummate professional with an exacting attention to detail and a passion for ensuring the success of America's space program. When I took over as the Ranking Democrat on the Committee, my first action was to name Dick the Chief of Staff. In the ensuing 12 years as my Chief of Staff, Dick guided the Committee staff through many successes, culminating in the passage this year of the CHIPS and Science Act, the largest and most comprehensive legislation in the Committee's history.

After three decades of service, I am happy that Dick will have some well-deserved time for rest and relaxation. I know he will appreciate having more time to spend with his beloved wife, Grace and his two children Pearl and John. But I also know that Dick is not one to hold still for too long, and I'm sure he will have success in any of his future endeavors.

We often speak of the dedicated staff who make this institution such a wonderful place in which to work. Dick Obermann is just such a person. His decades of public service have made this institution a better place. His efforts as a space policy professional were instrumental in ensuring the many successes of our nation's space program. But most of all, his sound counsel and friendship have made my time in Congress all the better. I thank Dick for his many years of dedicated and loyal service.

#### HONORING PHILIP DAVIS

#### HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 14, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today, as the first Bahamian American elected to Congress, to honor and welcome Philip Davis the newly elected Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of the Bahamas.

Philip Edward "Brave" Davis was born on June 7, 1951, in Nassau, Bahamas, the oldest of eight children born to Dorothy and Brave Edward Davis. Mr. Davis received his primary education at the Old Bight All Age School on Cat Island while living with his grandparents. After returning to Nassau, he went on to receive an education at the Eastern Junior & Senior Schools, and at St. John's College in New Providence.

Prime Minister Davis is perhaps best known now as a politician, serving as Leader of the Progressive Liberal Party, and Member of Parliament for Cat Island, Rum Cay and San Salvador. However, he entered politics late in life. Professionally, he is known both locally and internationally as an acclaimed Corporate and Human Rights lawyer, a highly distinguished legal educator, a passionate sportsperson, a sponsor of many sporting activities, and a Toastmaster.

After a brief stint in banking, he articulated as a Law Clerk in the Law Chambers of Wallace Whitfield & Barnwell. His appointment as Queen's Counsel, the highest possible honor which is conferred on those practicing law in the English legal system anywhere in the world, came in recognition of both his highly successful legal practice, but also his contribution to legal education. A leading litigation lawyer, Philip "Brave" Davis has an impressive record in the Courts of Appeal, with perhaps more appearances before the UK Privy Council than any other Bahamian lawyer.

A former Member of the Council of Legal Education for CARICOM, he has made an unprecedented contribution to legal education in the Caribbean region. Mr. Davis twice served as Vice-President of the Bar Council before becoming President of the Bahamas Bar Association in 1995. Since 2002, he has been Managing Partner of the law firm which bears his name: Davis & Co.

In 1970 Mr. Davis became a Member of Toastmaster Club 1600, a nonprofit organization established to develop leadership skills through listening, thinking, and speaking. He served as its President in 1979, and as Division Governor of Toastmasters for The Bahamas in 1989. A keen sportsman interested in baseball, softball, swimming, and athletics. Mr. Davis served as Vice-President of the Bahamas Swim Federation from 1986 to 1990 and was President of the Sea Bees Swim Club from 1980 to 1990.

Mr. Davis has the love and support of his caring wife, Ann-Marie Davis. They have six children who have inherited their father's passion for sports, hard work and patriotism, which led them to represent the Bahamas at the Caribbean Free Trade Association (CARIFTA) Games.

During the last administration of the Progressive Liberal Party, from 2012 to 2017, Mr. Davis ran a super-ministry, the Ministry of Works. His portfolio covered everything relating to the physical infrastructure of The Bahamas, as well as oversight of Bahamasair, BEC, and the Water & Sewerage Corporation. Since May 2017, he has been Leader of the Progressive Liberal Party. On September 16th, he was elected the fifth Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, where he also serves as Minister of Finance.

#### HONORING GORDON KINNE

#### HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 14, 2022*

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Gordon Kinne.

Gordon is a lifelong Missourian, having been born in Hamilton, Mo. on August 23, 1952, and raised on his family's farm. He graduated from Hamilton High School in 1970 and then came to Springfield to attend what is now Missouri State University—an institution with which he has enjoyed a lifelong relationship. Gordon to this day continues his connection with Missouri State. He's served as chair of the their Foundation's Board of Trustees. He also has been a board member and past president of the Missouri State University Alumni Association, and past co-chairman of the Bears Fund, as well as an active supporter of Bears athletic programs. He earned his bachelor's degree before entering the field of insurance.

In 1984, Kinne founded the third party administrator and full-service employee benefits brokerage firm MedPay, Inc., a company for which he still owns and serves as its president today. With nearly 50 employees, MedPay is one of the largest independently owned third party administrators in Missouri, partnering with a diverse mix of employers from both the private and public sector for both fully-insured and self-insured benefit plans. Its clients in-

clude large regional employers, small businesses, municipalities, school districts and institutions of higher education. He is past President for the Board of Directors of the national association of third-party administrators, the Society of Professional Benefit Administrators, which works to build best practices for the self-insured industry, and serves as a resource to the various federal departments that regulate the employee benefits industry.

In addition, Kinne has served a number of Springfield business and civic organizations, including serving as chairman of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, chairman of the Springfield Business Development Corporation, the Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau and currently serves on the Springfield Good Government Committee. Gordon received the prestigious Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce 2019 Springfieldian award which is given each year to an individual who exemplifies outstanding community service and dedication to improving the quality of life for Springfield and its citizens.

Gordon also serves as Missouri's National Committeeman to the Republican National Committee and is a former chairman of the 7th District Congressional Republican Committee. Gordon has a great passion for politics giving of his time and financially contributing to various political candidates.

Kinne has a strong passion for helping charitable organizations. He has offered his time and energy to a number of organizations in the Springfield area, including the Ozark Empire Fair, the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame, the Breast Cancer Foundation of the Ozarks, Lake Country Soccer and the Council of Churches of the Ozarks. He also financially supports numerous other local charities.

Gordon is a lifelong Christian and faithful member and supporter of Schweitzer Church in Springfield.

Gordon and his wife, Laura have been married 41 years and reside in Springfield, Missouri. Their oldest son, Marshall, and his wife, Winter, also live in Springfield with their son, Walker, and granddaughter Kate. Gordon's younger son, Mason, and his wife, Jamie, reside in Chandler, AZ.

Madam Speaker, it is clear that Gordon Kinne has dedicated his adult life to his community and many causes dear to his heart. I commend his work and wish him all the best.

#### RECOGNIZING THE EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP OF ADMIRAL BENJAMIN NICHOLSON

#### HON. MICHAEL F. Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 14, 2022*

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Admiral Benjamin Nicholson for his outstanding leadership as Commander of Joint Region Marianas. In June of 2021, Admiral Nicholson was sworn in as Commander of Joint Region Marianas tasked with fortifying American freedom and democracy in his work to achieve Indo-Pacific Command objectives while strengthening Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, the Republic of Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia. With unwavering focus